

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A container with a bottom shell (1) and a cover shell (2), and with means for interlocking the cover shell with the bottom shell, ~~characterized in that~~ comprising:

~~the~~ a circular opening rim (3) of bottom shell (1) ~~has~~ having at least two first sections (6, 6', 6'', 6''') provided with a radial extension (8, 8', 8''), each having at least one undercut (4, 4', 4'', 4''');

an opening rim of cover shell having (3'), at least two second sections (7, 7', 7'', 7''') corresponding to the radial extension of the first sections, ~~as far as the radial extension (8, 8', 8'') is concerned, and that~~ each of the second sections (7, 7', 7'', 7''') ~~has~~ having at least one undercut (5, 5', 5'', 5'''), which corresponds to the undercut (4, 4', 4'', 4'') of the appertaining first section (6, 6', 6'', 6'') so that, during a rotation of the bottom shell (1) relative to the cover shell (2), interlocking in the area of the undercuts (4, 4', 4'', 4'', 5, 5', 5'', 5'') of the first and associated second sections takes place.

2. (currently amended) A container according to Claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the first section (6, 6', 6'', 6'') and the corresponding second section (7, 7', 7'', 7''), have, in a cross section, the shape of the letter Z.

3. (currently amended) A cContainer according to Claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the first section (6, 6', 6'', 6''') and the corresponding second section (7, 7', 7'', 7''') have, in a cross section, a profile that comprises three radial extension areas (8, 8', 8''), between which at least one undercut (4) ~~as well as, as the case may be, and~~ a vertical area (9) is arranged.

4. (currently amended) A cContainer according to ~~one of the Claims 1 to 3,~~ ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the first section (6, 6', 6'', 6''') and the second section (7, 7', 7'', 7''') have an undercut (4, 5) that is designed thread-like.

5. (currently amended) A cContainer according to Claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the first section (6, 6', 6'', 6''') and the second section (7, 7', 7'', 7''') each have at least one thread cord (10, 10').

6. (currently amended) A cContainer according to ~~one of the Claims 1 to 5,~~ ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the first section (6, 6', 6'', 6''') and the second section (7, 7', 7'', 7''') have ramps (11, 11') that correspond to each other.

7. (currently amended) A cContainer according to Claim 6, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the ramps (11, 11') are designed thread-like.

8. (currently amended) A cContainer according to ~~one of the Claims 1 to 7,~~ ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the first sections (6, 6', 6'', 6''') and the second sections (7, 7', 7'', 7''') have a continually increasing radial extension.

9. (currently amended) A cContainer according to ~~one of the Claims 1 to 8,~~
~~characterized in that~~ wherein the first section (~~6, 6', 6'', 6'''~~) and the second section (~~7, 7', 7'', 7'''~~)
each have, in the area of their greatest radial distance from the center of the opening rim
concerned, a marking (~~12, 12', 12'', 12'''~~, ~~12a, 12a', 12a'', 12a'''~~).

10. (currently amended) A cContainer according to ~~one of the Claims 1 to 9,~~
~~characterized in that~~ wherein the cover shell (1) and/or the bottom shell (2) have at least one
recess (~~13, 17~~).

11. (currently amended) A cContainer according to ~~one of the Claims 1 to 10,~~
~~characterized in that~~ wherein the lower area of bottom shell (1) and/or cover shell (2) is designed
polygonally.

12. (currently amended) A cContainer according to ~~one of the Claims 1 to 11,~~
~~characterized in that~~ wherein bottom shell (1) or cover shell (2) is equipped with a gasket (14) in
the lock area.

13. (currently amended) A cContainer according to ~~one of the Claims 1 to 12,~~
~~characterized in that~~ wherein, in the locked state, bottom shell (1) and cover shell (2), ~~in each~~
~~ease,~~ are situated on top of each other in at least one rim area (~~14a, b~~).

14. (currently amended) A cContainer according to ~~one of the~~ Claims 1 to 13,
~~characterized in that~~ wherein rim area (14b) of cover shell (2) is adjacent to the inside of the wall
of bottom shell (1).

15. (currently amended) A cContainer according to ~~one of the~~ Claims 1 to 14,
~~characterized in that~~ wherein cover shell (2) has a rim indent (2a), which extends into the interior
of bottom shell (1).